Republic of the Philippines
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
Bacolod City

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22
Series of 2020

AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21, SERIES OF 2020

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued an advisory on the Implementation of Community Quarantine by Virtue of the Memorandum of the Executive Secretary on Stringent Social Distancing Measures and Further Guidelines for the Management of the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19), dated March 14, 2020;

WHEREAS, in the need to strengthen the precautionary and control measures in preventing the spread of Covid-19, Executive Order No. 21 declaring a General Community Quarantine in the City of Bacolod was issued on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, in his address to the nation on March 16, 2020, pronounced that "mayors may issue executive orders to make the environment of their (municipalities) more conducive for the healing process." And that "in this emergency, the mayor can come up with any measure to protect public health, public safety, public interest and public order to make life more livable";

WHEREAS, the Bacolod City Inter-Agency Task Force Against the COVID-19 issued Resolution No. 7, Series of 2020, dated March 16, 2020, requesting the City Mayor to approve the proposed Implementing Rules and Regulations for Executive Order No. 21, s. 2020;

WHEREAS, the proposed Implementing Rules and Regulations are hereby approved for the efficient implementation of Executive Order No. 21, s. 2020;

WHEREAS, to render this Executive Order implementable with effective action, the undersigned, as the City Mayor of Bacolod, invokes his power and authority on operational supervision and control over the Philippine National Police (PNP) units within the jurisdiction of the City Government of Bacolod pursuant to Section 51 (b) of R.A. 6975 (as amended) otherwise known as the Department of the Interior and Local Government Act of 1990;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EVELIO R. LEONARDIA, by virtue of the power vested in me as City Mayor of Bacolod, do hereby approve and issue the following implementing rules and regulations in relation to Executive Order No. 21, Series of 2020, thus:

Section 1. General Community Quarantine shall be implemented in the City of Bacolod until 11:59 PM of April 14, 2020, or as earlier revoked by the undersigned. The same, however, may also be subject to extension should the circumstance and situation warrant, in accordance with the directives and/or issuances of competent and national agencies and officials.

Section 2. GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE APPLICATIONS. The following shall govern the applications and implementation of the general community quarantine in the City of Bacolod:

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2.1 General community quarantine shall be effective at all times whereby movement of people is limited to accessing basic necessities and work; and, where uniformed personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border patrols;

2.2 Check-Up Points (CUPs) shall be put up in strategic areas of the city primarily under the sound determination of the local PNP, to be assisted by the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the City Health Office (CHO), and any other government agency, where they check vehicular/pedestrian traffic in order to enforce circulation control of all the necessary quarantine measures and other laws, orders and regulations. The CUPs may implement the installation of roadblocks for a more effective control of the quarantine measures. The PNP must at all times follow the Revised PNP Operational Procedures and its related disciplines relative to its functions under this Executive Order.

2.3 The non-essential entry of persons into or exit out of Bacolod City shall be restricted, except for:

a. Out-of-towners who report for work in Bacolod City during their work days (should have valid company ID card);
b. Bacolod residents who report for work out-of-town during their work days (should have valid company ID card);
c. Medical/health workers in the performance of their duties;
d. People travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons;
e. Authorized government officials/employees in the performance of their duties;
f. People providing basic services;
g. Egressing and returning delivery personnel of business establishments based either in Bacolod City or out-of-town.

In all of the above exceptions, they should not exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 infection; otherwise, they shall be managed in the following manner:

a. Out-of-towners – They shall be made to return to their place of residence;
b. For Bacolod residents – They shall be disallowed from leaving the City if they are on their way out and they shall be endorsed to the CHO or the Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERTs) for proper medical handling. Likewise, if they are returning to the City, they shall also be endorsed to the CHO or BHERTs.

SECTION 3. CURFEW MEASURES. There shall be the implementation of curfew hours from 10:00 in the evening until 4:00 in the morning of the following day. These restricted hours shall require any person to already have returned to his/her home and to stay thereat until the lapse of the restriction. For this purpose, parents or guardians shall take proper responsibility over their minor children or wards in observing the curfew. Any person failing or refusing to observe this curfew measure may be dealt with appropriately by the PNP as regards the inimical act committed in violation of public order. The following shall be exempt from these curfew measures in the performance of their duties:

a. medical personnel and persons needing emergency medical help;
b. night-shift workers at pharmacies and drugstores;
c. security guards;
d. BPO workers;
e. public utility emergency personnel;
f. fire fighters and other disaster relief personnel;
g. priests and ministers performing last sacraments or last rites;
h. public utility vehicle drivers servicing all of the above.

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SECTION 4. LIMITATION OF PERSONAL ACTIVITIES / MINORS AND WARDS PRECAUTIONARY PROTECTION. Bacolod City residents are strongly encouraged to stay in their homes, and are advised to only come out for work, to buy their daily needs and supplies, and to go to medical establishments. Stringent social distancing must be strictly observed. Going to the malls, community and commercial areas, and/or other public places are strictly discouraged, unless they have important transactions, business or otherwise. Minor children or wards shall at all times be confined in their homes under the sound supervision of their parents or guardians except for essential activity or for medical concerns requiring trips out of the home.

SECTION 5. EARLY CLOSURE OF BUSINESS HOURS. All malls, recreational centers, community centers, and other commercial areas are directed to limit their daily operational hours until 8:00 in the evening, except business process outsourcing (BPO), medical centers / hospitals / other health care establishments, pharmacies, and funeral parlors.

SECTION 6. FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. Private offices and establishments are encouraged to observe alternative working arrangements pursuant to DOLE Labor Advisory No. 9, s. 2020, dated March 4, 2020.

SECTION 7. SOCIAL DISTANCING. In all human interaction in any place and at any time, the general public is directed to observe the appropriate social distancing and to observe proper hygienic measures.

SECTION 8. REVIEWABILITY. This Executive Order shall be subject to review as the COVID-19 crisis situation unfolds.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Bacolod this 16th day of March 2020.

ATTY. EVELIO R. LEONARDIA
City Mayor

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